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A More Inclusive Society



Dear Friends,

The fight for equality and inclusion strikes at the core of what it means to be an American. As a nation, we have made important strides to advance civil rights. However, there is still significant work to do on many fronts, including the need to promote a more inclusive and accessible society for people with disabilities.

From the moment I was elected to Congress, I have made fighting for the rights of people with disabilities one of my top legislative priorities. This year marked the 29th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a groundbreaking civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities. But there is so much more we can do to realize our goals of full access, inclusion and empowerment for all.

Over the last year, I have worked with disability advocates and my colleagues to address some of the pressing challenges that still remain for people with disabilities. In particular, I led efforts to [improve protections](#) for disabled airline passengers, establish a

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Save The Date

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT

Medicare's open enrollment period begins on October 15 and runs through December 7.

Did You Know...?

MAPPING THE DISTRICT

Rep. Langevin has been holding meetings, attending events, and touring business across the Second District. You can track these visits using the interactive map on his website. >>

FAST FACT

The Congdon Street Baptist Church, Rhode Island's oldest black church, celebrated its 200th anniversary in August. >>

In Other News

FUNDING FOR FIREFIGHTERS

Rep. Langevin has helped secure federal grants for several fire departments across the Second District, including Narragansett and

more inclusive process to [address the needs of people with disabilities in disaster planning](#), and increase funding for spinal cord injury research. I also [co-led a letter to the Office of Personnel Management](#) requesting an explanation as to why it has failed to hire and retain employees with disabilities. To commemorate the 29th ADA anniversary, I [introduced a bill](#) to make it easier for small businesses to become accessible and comply with ADA requirements.

These efforts are important, but there is more to be done. We must keep tackling all issues affecting people with disabilities until we live in a society where all Americans are able to realize their full potential.

To keep up with my ongoing efforts on disability issues, and for updates on many other issues, please visit [my website](#) and follow me on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#).

Sincerely,

Jim Langevin



Impeachment Inquiry

After careful consideration and having listened to the concerns of my constituents, I came to the decision that [we must move forward with an impeachment inquiry](#). President Trump's recent actions and the transcript of his call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky have further reinforced my position that an inquiry must proceed. It is imperative that we learn the facts surrounding the President's actions, which, on their face, represent a blatant abuse of the power.



Fighting the Opioid Crisis

Rhode Islanders from all walks of life are being affected by the opioid overdose epidemic. While our state continues to be among the hardest hit by this public health crisis, I am pleased at recent progress we've made to address it. My [bill to prevent the trafficking of foreign fentanyl and other opioids](#) passed the House, and the federal delegation was able to [help secure a \\$3,482,368 grant](#) to increase the treatment capacity of Rhode

West Warwick. >>

EDUCATING ENGLISH LEARNERS

Rep. Langevin introduced the Supporting Providers of English Language Learning (SPELL) Act to address the English learner teacher shortage by making highly-qualified teachers eligible for up to \$17,500 in student loan forgiveness. >>

REPAIRING ROADS

Rep. Langevin joined his congressional delegation colleagues in announcing a \$60.3 million federal grant that will provide funding to replace and upgrade the northbound Providence Viaduct, on one of the busiest stretches of I-95. >>

HOLDING HACKERS RESPONSIBLE

Rep. Langevin issued a statement applauding the Treasury Department's decision to sanction three North Korean hacking groups. >>

CYBER OFFENSE

Rep. Langevin called on the Trump Administration to release its offensive cyber policy so Congress can exercise its oversight authority and ensure U.S. diplomatic priorities are not jeopardized. >>

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Rep. Langevin introduced the Building Efficiently Act, a bill to incentivize property developers to improve the energy efficiency of the buildings they work on. >>

BLOCKING OFFSHORE DRILLING

Rep. Langevin voted for the Coastal and Marine Economies Protection Act, which would ban oil and gas drilling off the shore of

Island healthcare providers for substance use disorder treatment and recovery services. I will keep fighting for resources and legislation to combat opioid addiction and overdoses in our communities.

Rhode Island and along the entire Atlantic and Pacific Coasts. >>

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